

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 594

By Crider

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Larry Connell upon receiving the Man of the Year Award from the Milan Chamber of Commerce and for his meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Larry Connell, who was recently presented the Man of the Year Award by the Milan Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his many years of community involvement; and

WHEREAS, those closest to Mr. Connell, co-owner of the Steve Marsh Ford dealership, describe him as a special person with an ability to make others smile and who is always willing to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his contributions to the YMCA, Mr. Connell supports a children's home in Arkansas through his work with his church, Cades Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, a 1967 Milan High School graduate, Larry Connell started in the auto parts business in 1967; he began managing a parts store in 1974, and in 1987, he moved to the Steve Marsh Ford dealership, which he later purchased with business partner, Larry Smith; and

WHEREAS, greatly respected and deeply admired by his many friends and colleagues, Mr. Connell takes great pride in making his community a better place for all; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Connell is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife; in reflecting upon his recovery from a 2002 motorcycle accident in which he suffered a spinal cord injury, he said, "Had it not been for my wife, I certainly would not be up here where I'm at. She has been a godsend to me."; and

WHEREAS, Larry Connell epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to recognize and applaud Larry Connell for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Larry Connell for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon being named the Milan Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.